

NORTH CAROLINA STATE'S PRISON.

(Inspected October 6th by Commissioner W. N. Jones and C. B. Denson, Secretary and found in a satisfactory condition.)

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Permanent improvements have been made on the State farms. The erection of a new gin, rebuilding barns and shelters at a cost of \$3,000. At the Central Prison, covering out-houses, etc., \$400. The table of movement of population as follows: Remaining November 30, 1901, 832; number received, 311; died, 52; discharged, 242; number remaining November 30, 1902, 849; 659 colored males, 47 colored females; 136 white males, 5 white females, 2 male Indians; under 16 years, 8; from 16 to 21, 81.

The health of prisoners is remarkably good at present. There are thirty men lately returned from the Western part of the State in an enfeebled condition suffering from pulmonary trouble and an epidemic of bowel trouble. The percentage of mortality is $4\frac{1}{2}$; 18 deaths from pneumonia during the past winter in one of the Western camps, thereby increasing the mortality percentage in the institution. During the past summer in the same camp there was an epidemic of bowel trouble. There have been 49 escapes; thirty recaptured; 6 killed in attempting to escape. No special means of reformation other than careful supervision of prisoners. They are required to behave in an orderly and proper manner. Punishments are not frequent and only by direction of the Superintendent or Supervisor of each camp. A record of these is kept. The prisoners are employed building railroads, turnpikes and farming. Receipts, \$178,863.41; expenditures, \$158,854.22. The institution is self-sustaining. Annual amount of pay-roll, \$39,800. There are no serious objections to working convicts on farm lands. In my judgment it is the best possible employment for a large per cent of the prison population. The officers are satisfactory and the convicts are as cheerful and certainly as obedient as ought to be expected. Regular religious services are not maintained in the camps, but in the Central Prison. All denominations are invited to hold services on proper occasions. I most emphatically do not approve of the present arrangement for the care of the so-called dangerous insane.

J. S. MANN,

Superintendent.